

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 578
By Head

A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Coach Dave Loos and the Austin Peay State University Men's Basketball Team on winning the 2002-2003 Ohio Valley Conference Regular Season Co-Championship and the 2003 Conference Tournament.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Peay State University men's basketball program is renowned for its perennial nature as a bastion of extraordinary athletic facility and competitive stature in the world of college athletics; and

WHEREAS, the Governors of Austin Peay State University achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2002-2003 season, establishing a record of 20-7 on the way to claiming the regular-season Co-Championship of the Ohio Valley Conference; and

WHEREAS, upon winning the conference Co-Championship, the Governors earned the number one seed in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament; the team notched a 63-57 win

over a solid Tennessee Tech team to win Austin Peay's third conference title and a berth in the NCAA Tournament; and

WHEREAS, while supporting the team's vision, several players were awarded accolades for their individual performances in the tournament: Corey Gipson, Adrian Henning, and Josh Lewis were named to the All-Tournament Team, and Josh Lewis was named Most Valuable Player for the Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Peay State University men's basketball team includes players Corey Gipson, Zac Schlader, Levi Carmichael, Adrian Henning, Michael Dudas, Maurice Hampton, Anthony Davis, Josh Lewis, Rhet Wierzba, Jermaine Graham, Igor Macura, and Bobby Hill; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Dave Loos has devoted thirteen remarkable years to the cultivation of the men's basketball program at Austin Peay State University, and he has laid the groundwork for a number of championship teams by sharing with the young men on the team his substantial knowledge of basketball, his many years of coaching and athletic experience, and his passion both for the sport of basketball and for excellence in every endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the basketball players at Austin Peay State University epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, they have inspired the student body and excited basketball fans throughout Tennessee and the nation in completing their triumphal run through the 2002-2003 season; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young people not only made possible a championship basketball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Austin Peay State University Governors for winning the 2002-2003 Ohio Valley Conference Co-

Championship and the 2003 Conference Tournament and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we do hereby honor and congratulate Coach Dave Loos and the Austin Peay State University Governors on their formidable legacy, their individual and collective resolve, and their extraordinary championship season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.